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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2016 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original X **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date January 13, 2016

Bill No: HB 66

Sponsor: Rep. Sarah Maestas Barnes

Agency Code: 305

Short LAND GRANT MAPPING &

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17	FY18		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE**BILL SUMMARY**

This analysis is neither a formal Attorney General's Opinion nor an Attorney General's Advisory Letter. This is a staff analysis in response to an agency's, committee's, or legislator's request.

Synopsis:

House Bill 66 would appropriate \$50,000 to the Office of the Attorney General for expenditure in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the following purposes: (1) to research the history and legal basis for the state mandated plat maps used to assess property taxes on land grants; (2) research the issues in law and equity raised by the practice of multiple entities making duplicative taxation payments for the same parcel of property claimed by land grants; and (3) to develop potential remedies that the state might pursue to remedy overlapping or conflicting property claims encountered by land grants. Pursuant to Paragraph C of Section 1, the Attorney General's analysis must be presented to the appropriate legislative interim committee by October 15, 2016. Any money remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 would revert back to the general fund.

Section 2 requires the appropriation to take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 66 would make a \$50,000 appropriation to the Office of the Attorney General in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to research legal issues related to land grants.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HB 66 would require the Office of the Attorney General to hire necessary personnel – at least one FTE – to engage in the above-mentioned legal research.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status quo

AMENDMENTS

N/A